Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27th, 2006

Faith Sharing
Readings and Questions for
Week of September 3rd, 2006

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8 James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27 Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Theme: The Spirit of the Law

Question for Adults: The question Jesus poses for us today is: do you live by the letter or the spirit of the Law?
Question for Children: Jesus tells us today to be careful about what we say and do. How do you treat your family and friends? Do you think about what you say and how you say it?

Monday, August 28th, 2006
Memorial of Saint Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church
2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 Mt 23:13-22
8:00 a.m. - Daily Liturgy
Intention: For the Lay Ministry Class
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
7:00 p.m. – Lay Ministry Class

Tuesday, August 29th, 2006
Memorial of the Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist
2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 Mk 6:17-29
8:00 a.m. -Daily Liturgy
Intention: Students and School faculty
Fr. Mark's day off after Mass
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts

Wednesday, August 30th, 2006
2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Mt 23:27-32
6:00 p.m. - Daily Liturgy
Intention: Healing of the Sexually Abused
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.– Office Hours
9: 00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Food Pantry

Thursday, August 31st, 2006
1 Cor 1:1-9 Mt 24:42-51
8:00 a.m. - Daily Liturgy
Intention: Mass for Life
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours

Friday, September 1st , 2006
1 Cor 1:17-25 Mt 25:1-13
8:00 a.m. - Daily Liturgy
Intention: Repose of Greg Wagner
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
Noon – Staff at Bishops Lunch

Saturday, September 2nd, 2006
1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 25:14-30
Sunday Readings
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Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Food Pantry
2:00 p.m. – Wedding for Michelle Chicoine & Joseph Bucholz
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Reconciliation
3:45 p.m. – Baptismal Class by appointment
5:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Parish Community
Ministry Schedule:
Bread Baker: *Jan Schurman*
Altar Servers: *Bethany*, Hannah & Elijah Ehresmann*
Blood: *Kathy Van Asma, Nancy Sass, Charlie & Eileen Desmond*
Body: *Ken Van Asma*
Lector: *Greg & Matthew Sass*
Sacristan: *Ken & Kathy Van Asma*
Usher: *Ken & Becky Wentz*
Choir: *Folk Group*

Sunday, September 3rd, 2006
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Repose of Alice Kilkeury
Ministry Schedule:
Altar Servers: *Cheyenne, & Garrett Quinn, Caitlin Wilson**
Blood: *Beth-Anne Ferley, Dean & Mary Antonsen, Jean Schubauer*
Body: *Kevin Rohrbach*
Lector: *Jessica Ferley & Jean Schubauer*
Sacristan: *Barb & Gary Erickson*
Usher: *Duane Schubauer & Stan Barber*
Choir: *Regina's Minstrels*

9:00 a.m. – Coffee & Rolls

10:30 a.m. Liturgy of Eucharist
Intention: Repose of Greg Wagner
Ministry Schedule:
Altar Servers: *Mattias Diedricksen, Ryan Reers, Tyler Corbine**
Blood: *Christine Diedricksen, Jim Hoag, Pat Schubauer, Barb Scherr*
Body: *Jim Scherr*
Lector: *Jerry Meyer & Jim Scherr*
Sacristan: *The Blauvelt Family*
Usher: *Bob & Pam Wentz*
Choir: *Family Choir*

7:00 p.m. – Taize Prayer

Sparks By Mark

As our Core team was in the process of planning for our first season of RENEW, we realized that our parish pictorial directory is very out dated. The last pictorial directory our parish did was four years ago and the one before that was in done 1998 — that would be 8 years ago. Many things have happened in the last 8 years! Not only in the life of the parish community but also in lives of the parish members.

The other day I was paging through our 1998 pictorial directory and it was a reminder to me of the number of families that have moved away, and the number of families that have become active or inactive in the parish life of the community for one reason or another. Other families have children, some for the first time, while others have become empty nesters. Still other families have suffered the death of a loved one or other types of tragedies such as losing their home or out buildings to forest fires. And still more have joined our parish community as new housing developments continue to pop up in the Black Hawk and Piedmont Valley area.

A new pictorial directory can be a wonderful tool for us, as a parish community, which will help us to recognize and call one another by name, which means a lot to people. I know that is one of my weaknesses, not knowing everybody's name in our parish community.

We will begin to take pictures this coming September and October and hopefully our new pictorial directory will be done by December and we will be ready to call each other by name in January.

In next week Sparks, I will have more details about our up coming pictorial directory with times and dates of when pictures will be taken.

Join us for Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina
Thursdays 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
St. Martin's Monastery, Benedict Hall
Call Sister Marmion Howe at 343-2688
or Father Mark McCormick at 787-5168

Prayer Corner: *Names will remain on the list for one month. Please contact the office for continued prayers.*
Improved Health – McKenzie Baker, Darrell Sanderson, Michael Habbe, Justin Judy, Marla Shaffer, Anita Vandermay, Richard Eaton, Enola Sorlie, Jackie Kennison, Steve Ferley

Repose – Ray Hume

STEWARDSHIP

August 19th & 20th General Collections

Loose	$1,219.01
Envelopes	$1,741.00
Votive	$5.75
Student	$146.78
Youth Formation	$50.00
Building	$645.00
Feast of Assumption	$326.00
Total	$4,133.54

Renovation Pledges
May 1st, 2005 to April 30th, 2007
Total Pledged - $141,112.01
Total received - $97,050.00

Peace and Justice Meeting Those individuals interested in going on any of our upcoming mission trips: Guatemala (June 22-30, 2007), helping with the teen moms from Standing Rock (summer 2007), and/or helping with or attending a middle school or high school work camp next summer, 2007, should plan on attending our planning meeting, Sunday, September 10 at 9:15 am. We will be discussing our upcoming fundraising ventures.

RCIA Are you interested in inquiring more about the Catholic Faith? Or are you a Catholic that still needs to receive the sacraments of baptism, first communion or confirmation? There will be an Orientation and Information meeting in the OLBH Library Sunday, September 10th, at 8:30 a.m.

College Students and Parents - For those OLBH parishioners attending college, we would like your name, school, mailing and email addresses so we can stay in contact with you throughout the school year. Please fill out the form in the Narthex or send an email to college.address@olbh.org with the information.

Catholic School Scholarships
are available for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St.Thomas More. Please write a letter of need and send to parish office.

RENEW MISSION
Mark your Calendars!!!
Sunday, September 10th through
Wednesday, September 13th
7:00 p.m. each evening
RENEW MISSION

Do you or someone you know need transportation to the Renew Mission, Sept 10, 11, 12, 13? Call the church office, 787-5168. Leave a message with person's name and phone number. Someone will provide the needed transportation.

Do you need babysitting during the Renew Mission? Call the church office at 787-5168.

RENEW #5 . . .
Small Christian communities are the hope of the Church……
(Pope Paul VI)

- As we initiate **RENEW** in September we will provide an opportunity for all parishioners to become part of a small Christian community. These communities will meet only once a week for six weeks, October 8th through November 18th and everyone is invited. We are not meant to live our faith alone; we need the support of other Christians. Certainly as we gather each week for Mass we support and love one another, but we need more. We need people who can get to know us well and with whom we can be comfortable. In our small communities we have the opportunity to share our faith, find meaning, deepen relationships, pray, learn from one another and support each other as we struggle to live our faith in all aspects of our lives.
- We will gather in living rooms or other convenient places.
- We will support one another in faith.
- Don't be afraid to "come and see."
- Sign-Up will be the weekend(s) of (Sat. & Sun. September 16th & 17th and then again Sat. & Sun. September 23rd & 24th)

Why Should Parishioners Sign-Up?
What's in it for Them?

To put faith into action. Through Baptism, we are called to reach out to others, to help improve the quality of life for all. Small communities help us to identify ways to reach out as well as giving us a community that supports us in our efforts.

OLBH is holding a Eucharistic Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Sunday, September 10th from the end of the 10:30 liturgy until 6:15 pm when Benediction will take place. The intention of this time of prayer will be, the success of Renew in our parish. You and your family are encouraged to join us in this powerful form of prayer. The sign up sheet is on the Renew table in the gathering area. Even if you cannot sign up, you are invited to stop in and stay awhile with our Lord!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Parish Picnic, it was a great success. A special thanks to Tom Van Asma for cooking the meat, it was delicious. Also to Frank and Cecilia Keller for the use of their lawn tractor, the kids love the train rides. As well as Jim Wranek for setting up the volleyball net, getting the train ready, and making sure the lawn was cleaned up and ready to go. Thanks again for all your help and support.

1st Ever OLBH Golf Tournament Fundraiser

- **Saturday, September 16th**
  Shotgun tee-off time of 7:30am
- Prairie Ridge Golf Course outside of Ellsworth AFB
- 18 holes of golf, cart and lunch for $50.00 with all proceeds going to Stain Glass Fund
- Closest to the pin, Longest drive, and Longest putt contests
- Open to all – male, female and young adults above 16 yrs old
- If you would like to sign up or have any questions, contact Todd Wivell at 718-9302 or 385-2351
- Money is due by Sunday, September 10th.

First Classes of Faith Formation

We invite the parents of the youth who will be attending Faith Formation classes on Wednesday's and Sunday's to come with their children to meet the teachers and learn what will be taught.

Wednesday, September 6th
7:00pm – 1st Faith Form. Class with Mass
Parent & Child Session (MS & HS)
8:00pm – Faith Formation Ice Cream Social
September 10th Parent Child session

Sunday, September 10th
9:15 am – 1st Day of Faith Form. Class, Parent & Child Session (elementary)

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Faith Formation Registration

- Our second day of registration for this year's Faith Formation program will take place after weekend Liturgies, Aug. 26th & 27th
- If your child/youth will be receiving a sacrament this year and was not baptized at OLBH, please bring their *BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE* to registration and we will make a copy, which is needed for records.
- ALL PARISH MEMBERS are encouraged and welcomed to help prepare/cook meals for the Wednesday Night Meals opened to ALL parish members, attend prayer services and volunteer with the FF (Faith Formation) program in one or two of many possible ways. Please see our volunteer sheet for the variety of ways to support this ministry.
- There will be information given out at registration about the program and dates, so be sure to pick up a copy – the first sessions start Wed, September 6th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 10th at 9:15 a.m. Mark your calendars!
- Safe Environment videos will be shown in September to students as required by the diocesan guidelines. A letter on this will be part of registration as well as forms if needed.

Youth Ministry Planning Team

Anyone currently serving on the Youth Ministry Planning Team, who would like to remain on the team or anyone interested in serving on the team, is asked to contact Becky at parish office 787-5168 or home 721-4295, or email becky@olbh.org Also, anyone wishing to help out, but not able to serve on the team, please notify me. I would appreciate any support you are able to give. Thank you!
-Becky Johnson

Middle School Rally
November 5th at Belle Fourche, SD
More information to come.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Come Join the Knights of Columbus on a Church work project on Sunday, September 17th, starting at 1:00 pm. We will apply sealer to the parking lot and need your help! Please wear appropriate clothing as you might get black sealer on your shoes or pants. Please call Bob Wentz at hm 787-4391 or at wk 718-8317 to sign up. Thank you!

Diocesan News:

JOIN BISHOP CUPICH FOR
FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND LUNCH
September 1, 2006

Mass begins at 11:15 a.m. in the chapel at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Lunch afterward in the church hall, followed by remarks from the bishop. The $5 charge for lunch benefits Catholic schools in Rapid City.

25 years, 50 years or more of Marriage

If you and your spouse or if you know of any other OLBH members celebrating a marriage of 25 years, 50 years or more in 2006, please contact Teresa in the parish office at 787-5168.

Christian Family Planning Seminar, a requirement for engaged couples who are planning to marry in the Diocese of Rapid City, will be offered by the Diocesan Natural Family Planning Ministry on **Saturday, September 16th at St. Bernard's in McLaughlin**. The seminar is also an enriching learning experience for married couples or anyone wanting to know more about Natural Family Planning and the Church's teachings. For information or to register for the September seminar, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries, 343-3541. *The next seminar will be held October 21st at St. Joseph's in Spearfish.*

Level I - Separated & Divorced Support Group, "Encountering Life Alone" - The nine-week support group begins at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 14th** at St. Therese the Little Flower Church in Rapid City. The group is non-denominational and open to all Christian men and women who are hurting due to separation or divorce. Registration fee is $25.00. Pre-registration is requested! For more information or to pre-register, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries, 343-3541.

"Heal Your Grief" Bereavement Support Group, sponsored by Family Life Ministries, is an 8-week non-denominational support group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. It begins at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 25th,** at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd, Rapid City. Please come early to register. For information/pre-registration call Janece Rieman, 605-343-5547 or Family Life Ministries at 605-343-3541.

Bishop Blase Cupich and the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission invite you to a Pro-Life Renewal Day.

- WHEN: Saturday, September 9, 2006; 8:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
- WHERE: Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rapid City, SD
- THEME: "Created, Loved, and Redeemed by God ~ Priceless"
- CONFERENCE IS FREE

Call for conference registration by August 23, 2006, Harriet Young~348-1952 or Mary Mitchell ~ 343-7370

ADOPTIVE FAMILY INFORMATIONAL MEETING Catholic Social Services is holding an informational meeting for perspective adoptive families on September 12, 2006 at the Sturgis Chamber of Commerce office, 2040 Junction Ave., from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. This meeting is open to singles and married couples of all faiths. If you have ever considered beginning or continuing your family through adoption, this meeting is for you. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. To register or for more information, please call 348-6086 or 1-800-727-2401.

Blessed Sacrament
2006-07 Mothers' Bible Study Details

Registration and Socializing – Tuesday, September 5th at 8:30 a.m., Blessed Sacrament Parish hall. Please bring a treat to share. Childcare available.
Lessons Begin – Tuesday, September 12th at 8:30 a.m.

Women of the parish, mark your calendars! This year's **Diocesan Women's Retreat, "*Living Centered in an Uncentered World*", will be October 13 - 15, 2006,** with Sr. Marie Schwan of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Sr. Marie will soon be in residence at the Sioux Spiritual Center at Plainsview, SD and serving the Diocese of Rapid City. For more information, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life, 343-3541 or e-mail Kathy at kcordes@diorc.org .

For The Ride Home
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Scripture

- As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." (Joshua 24:15b)
- The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves. (Psalm 34:19)
- and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church. (Ephesians 5:31b,32)
- Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." John (6:68,69)

Reflection

- Pick a verse or phrase from above or from the day's readings. Keep the phrase close to your heart for a day. Be quiet and rest in peace with the Word.
- Leave all thoughts and activities behind for five minutes to be open to God's presence.

It is the Spirit of God that must teach us who Christ is and form Christ in us and transform us into other Christ's. After all, transformation into Christ is not just an individual affair: there is only one Christ, not many. He is not divided. And for me to become Christ is to enter into the Life of the Whole Christ, the Mystical Body made up of the Head and the members, Christ and all who are incorporated in Him by the His Spirit. (Thomas Merton – *New Seeds of Contemplation* – p. 156)

Prayer for a New School Year

Spirit of God, fill our hearts with a desire to seek truth and rejoice in beauty.
Help us to know what is pleasing to you and to understand what is right and good in your sight.
Give us the spirit of learning that we may please you by our thoughts and love you in your creation.
Give all teachers your constant encouragement and guide them in their good work.
Spirit of God, make us effective witnesses of your truth to all whose lives we touch. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

http://www.amm.org/appeals/2002/bcksch/pryscch.htm

Back to School Time Savers

- Pack lunches the night before and refrigerate!
  Make sure backpacks are packed and ready to go the night before.
- Create a homework center. Stock with extra crayons and supplies needed to complete homework. Make sure it's not near a TV.
- Lay out clothes the night before.
- Remember kids need to make as many decisions as possible. Avoid power struggles by letting them make small decisions.
- Create a special hamper in the laundry room for uniforms and other rush items.
- Fold T-shirts so that the design is recognizable without unfolding.
- Each evening have a 30 minute family clean up time to get everything back in place.

For more great resources check out this website http://www.expage.com/4back2school